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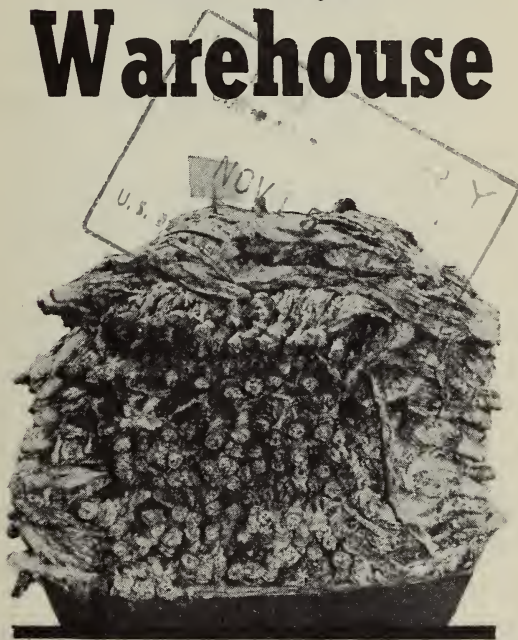
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BURLEY TOBACCO

at the

Warehouse



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Tobacco growers can help improve the market for their tobacco by observing the following simple rules. As a tobacco grower you should:

1. See that when your baskets are put on the warehouse floor they have at least:

- a. Six inches clearance between butts of tobacco in each basket in the row;
- b. 18 inches between butts of tobacco in baskets between rows; and
- c. 24 inches between any wall and the nearest basket of tobacco.

2. Tie tobacco in bundles of reasonable size -- about the size of a 50-cent coin.

3. Keep suckers, rubber bands, strings, feathers, and other foreign matter out of your tobacco. Clean tobacco generally sells for more money.

Spacing tobacco and tying bundles are important in marketing. This fact is indicated by the following statement from one of the largest buyers of burley tobacco:

"Proper spacing between each basket of tobacco and between each row on warehouse floors is very helpful in keeping broken tie leaves to a minimum, and results in less low quality tobacco on warehouse floors and in re-drying plants.

"Too many leaves in the bundle make it necessary to overdry a large part of the tobacco in order to dry the large bundles sufficiently to keep them from damaging in the hogshead. Over-dried tobacco is lifeless. Large bundles reduce output of re-drying machines considerably."

The U. S. Department of Agriculture feels that growers profit by properly preparing and displaying their tobacco for market.

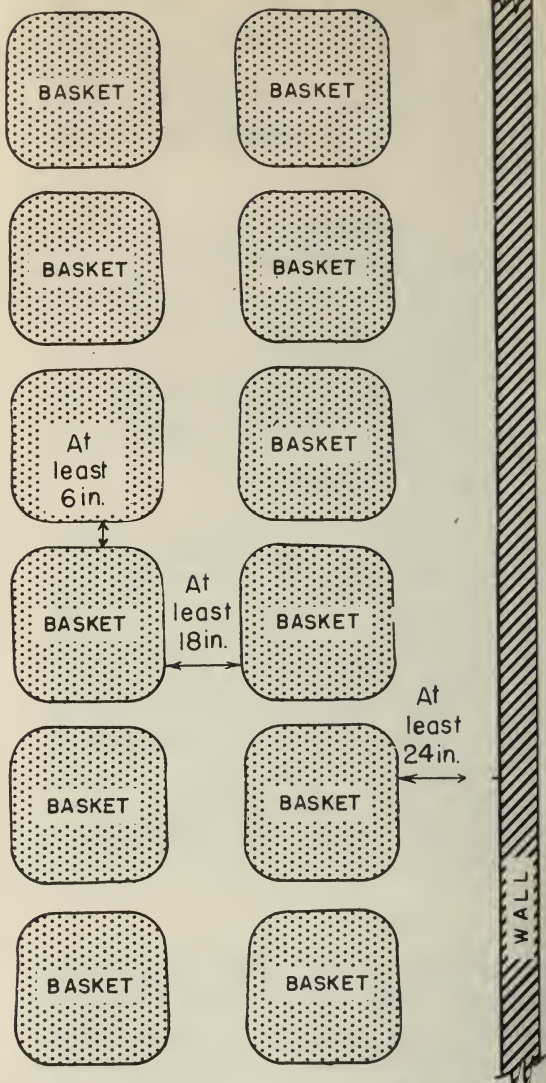


Diagram of properly spaced tobacco baskets on warehouse floor.